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THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION. Completed Work—Hendricks Almost Unanimously Nominated for Vice President—Harmony and Enthusiasm.

SKETCH OF GOV. HENDRICKS. Thomas A. Hendricks was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, in 1819, and is, therefore, fifty-seven years of age. He removed to Indiana, and in 1851 was elected to Congress, where he remained until 1855, when he was appointed Commissioner of the Land Office.

WORTH. Gov. Hendricks is one of those unaffected great men who impress themselves forcibly on the eye as much by the wide contrast with others as by their own simple worth. Such an impression is made upon North Carolina's last year, at our great celebration on the 20th of May. And, we will say that we think with reason that no man would be more heartily supported in our State who could have been nominated at St. Louis.

PARTY ORGANIZATION. At a meeting of the Central Executive Committee of the Democratic party it was resolved: 1. That the chairman of each County Executive Committee be requested to report to the secretary of this committee the name and postoffice address of each member of the same.

APPLAUSE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT. There is a spontaneous feeling of relief from anxiety and of courageous hope growing out of the work done at St. Louis. It is not boisterously expressed, but the applause is genuine and hearty.

THE TRIBUNE AND THE ST. LOUIS PLATFORM. It is really amusing to hear the New York Tribune speak of "the shuffling phrases" of the Democratic platform, as the words of the men of Cincinnati are yet shuffling in the air.

Under Republican misrule what is known as county scrip or county claims, was hawked about as an enormous discount, some times at as much as fifty per cent. deduction from the face value of the paper. This was not only damaging, and applies as well to corporations and individuals.

FAILURE. All these suggestions for "make good the promise of the legal-tender notes, which are a changing standard of value in the hands of the people, and the non-payment of which is a disgrace to the limited faith of the nation," are a denunciation of the impudence which eleven years of peace has taken from the people in "Federal" taxes.

A Terrible Storm—Immense Fall of Rain—Thunder and Lightning. One of the most fearful storms passed over this city and vicinity yesterday afternoon that can be called to mind in the memory of the oldest inhabitant. For four mortal hours the rain in torrents, the thunder rolled, and the lightning flashed about incessantly.

THE LIGHTNING'S FREAKS. As before intimated, the heavens, during the prevalence of the storm, seemed to be perfectly alive with electricity, which, in some instances, assumed the shape and appearance of balls of fire.

THE LIGHTNING'S FREAKS. A gentleman seated at a window fronting the river noticed the lightning when it struck a tree on the opposite side of the stream, upon a limb of which three birds were sitting. At the moment that the bolt came in contact with the tree two of the birds flew away, while the third dropped to the ground.

COUNTY ADDRESSES. The Democratic Executive Committee of Richmond, have issued an address to the voters of that county, which is full of useful suggestions and facts.

ABBOTTBURG FOR THE CROSS. From a friend at Abbottburg we learn that a friend, Hendricks, Yancey and Jarvis flag was raised at that place. Friday, the flag is over six feet long and bears the inscription: "National Reform Ticket—S. J. Tilden, of New York; T. A. Hendricks, of Indiana; State Ticket—Z. B. Vance, of Mecklenburg; T. J. Jarvis, of Fla." The Democrats and Conservatives of that section are fully aroused, and will do their whole duty in the fight for reform in State and National politics during the coming campaign.

STROKED BY LIGHTNING. During the severe storm that passed over this city yesterday, about 1 o'clock, Mrs. S. L. Kopp, residing on Seventh, Mrs. Mulberry and Walnut streets, was on the back piazza, in the act of taking a drink of water, when the lightning struck the kitchen, the electric fluid entering the pipe of the stove-pipe in the roof of the building and breaking of a piece about the size of a man's hand from the earthen crock through which the pipe passed. Mr. Yopp was in the passage at the time, playing with one of his children when the shock came and he heard his wife utter an exclamation and fall. He hurried to the piazza and found Mrs. Kopp prostrate upon the floor, speechless and insensible. He carried her into the house, sprinkled water in her face and used other restoratives, and she finally showed signs of returning consciousness.

At the time the lightning struck the kitchen it was entirely closed, with the exception of one door, opening on the side next to the house, in which a colored girl was sitting, who experienced no shock, and it is difficult to conjecture where the bolt passed out, as there could be found no sign to indicate the way or manner of its exit.

Several men at the shipyard of Messrs. Cassidy & Ross, who were handling steel while the storm was raging, received quite severe shocks. In consequence of the intense heat that had prevailed for several days past the whole atmosphere seemed to be filled with electricity.

THE LATE W. WALTER WILLIAMS. A week or two since, we alluded in these columns to the death, in the penitentiary at Columbia, S. C., of W. Walter Williams, of this city, who was sentenced to a term of imprisonment for the alleged burning of certain property at Little River, S. C. Since then the mother of the unfortunate young man, who resides in this city, has received several tokens of condolence and sympathy from parties in South Carolina who were acquainted with her son, and who were familiar with the circumstances connected with the alleged crime for which he suffered, which go to strengthen the conviction entertained by many that he was innocent of the serious charge attributed to him.

SOMETHING WORTH KNOWING AND REMEMBERING. It seems not to be generally known that the Postoffice authorities collect five cents on the delivery of every postal card passing through the mails which contains on the printed side anything whatever except the address.

HARBOR MASTER'S REPORT. From Capt. B. G. Bates, Harbor Master, we have the following report of the arrival of vessels at this port, &c., for the month of June: Steamers, 10; Barques, 1; Brigs, 1; Schooners, 5. Total, 17. Aggregate tonnage, 8,183; aggregate foreign tonnage, 624.

WELDON NEWS. The Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry will pass through this place on their route to the Centennial. The Independent Company was organized in 1793, and has honorably distinguished itself in two wars. It goes on to Philadelphia to represent the State of North Carolina in the Centennial Legion, a battalion composed of the oldest company in each one of the original thirteen States of the Union.

RELEASE OF GEORGE APPLEWHITE, THE LAST OF THE LOWREY GANG. George Applewhite, the last of the Lowrey gang, which was once such a terror to the good people of Robeson county, is now again at large; having been released on Wednesday, by order of the Supreme Court, under what is known as the Amnesty act, having been brought before the Court under a writ of habeas corpus. The career of Applewhite may be briefly stated as follows: He went to Robeson county in the winter of 1866-67, with Alvin Peacock, Esq., of Wilson, to work in the turpentine business, and shortly after married a girl named Oxendine, a cousin to the notorious Henry Berry Lowrey. In 1869, as many of our readers are aware, Sheriff Reuben King, of Robeson county, was basely and cruelly murdered. Suspicion fell upon Applewhite as one of the murderers and he was subsequently arrested, brought to this city and lodged in jail for safe-keeping, from which, however, he succeeded in escaping after a confinement of a few months. He then returned to Robeson county, where, soon after, he was seen and fired upon by a party of citizens, and though he made his escape, many thought that he had been mortally wounded. It seems, however, that he was not so badly hurt after all, and that soon after this narrow escape on his part he left Robeson county and made his way to Goldsboro, where he went to work in the early part of 1872, under the fictitious name of William Jackson. Here he remained un molested and obtained an honest living until the 3rd of July last, when Bill Lane and Bryant Capps, both colored men, allured by the reward of five thousand dollars offered for his capture under authority of the General Assembly of 1870-71, arrested him, and he was subsequently taken to Columbus jail, at Whiteville, for safe-keeping. Here he was arraigned for trial before Judge McKoy, last Spring, when his counsel, W. Foster French, Esq., made a motion to the effect that the Ku Klux Klan act of 1870-71 included George Applewhite in its provisions of pardon for past offenses. The question was appealed to the Supreme Court, and on Wednesday last, as before stated, the motion of defendant's counsel was sustained and the prisoner released. Applewhite is a mulatto, and claims to be only about twenty-six years of age. He was formerly the slave of Colonel Applewhite, of Wilson county, and was held by the estate until the close of the war. We learn that he has expressed his determination to return to Goldsboro, or his old home in Wilson, and go to work.

RELEASE OF GEORGE APPLEWHITE, THE LAST OF THE LOWREY GANG. The brick arch to the sewer on Market, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets, succumbed to the pressure of the water, during the great storm of Friday afternoon, and everything thereabouts was deluged with water, which was of such a depth that persons riding up from the different side streets had to wade through the scolding water at the imminent risk of being drowned. A house located about one hundred yards from the sewer, came near being washed away, the rooms being flooded with water and the furniture floating about. A colored man, who attempted to cross the deepest part of the torrent on a plank, was washed off and narrowly escaped drowning. Two policemen were kept on duty at the spot during the night to prevent accidents.

RELEASE OF GEORGE APPLEWHITE, THE LAST OF THE LOWREY GANG. In accordance with instructions from the Mayor, Capt. Fitzgerald made an inspection of the town yesterday morning, and found many of the streets badly washed. He reported the damaged sewer at the foot of Mulberry street, alluded to in our last. In the pavement in front of the Farmers' House there is an ugly hole, while Walnut street, between Front and Water, is so badly washed that drays are unable to pass. Red Cross, between Front and Water, is in the same condition, leaving the gas-pipe exposed in some instances. The streets generally were badly washed by the torrent of waters that swept through them.

RELEASE OF GEORGE APPLEWHITE, THE LAST OF THE LOWREY GANG. The following cases have come before this tribunal since our last report: State vs. Preston Flowers, larceny. Jury out. State vs. J. E. Whitfield, keeping a disorderly house. Verdict not guilty. Ordered that the prosecutor pay the costs. State vs. Jeff Hamilton, larceny. Judgment, five years in the penitentiary. State vs. E. Turner, fraud. Remanded to a magistrate to take jurisdiction as a civil action, costs to be taxed on the Magistrate's Court. State vs. Isaac Jones, peace warrant. Discharged on the payment of costs. State vs. Isaac Jones, assault and battery. Defendant discharged on the payment of costs. State vs. Brewington, et al., assault and battery. Verdict guilty.

RELEASE OF GEORGE APPLEWHITE, THE LAST OF THE LOWREY GANG. The graefest manner in which John Kelly gave in his adhesion to Mr. Tilden this morning, in seconding the nomination of Hendricks, has immeasurably restored harmony in the New York delegation, and is generally interpreted as a good omen by the Democracy of other States. Whatever John Kelly's faults may be, and they are many; no one who knows him doubts the sincerity of his convictions. They may believe that with his strong sympathies he is incapable of forming correct judgment on certain questions; but they will not question the honesty of his motives. There was never a nomination made by any party, which was so generally received, with favor by representative men from every section of the country as that of Governor Tilden, and the selection of Abram S. Hewitt for chairman of the national committee gives the assurance that in the campaign this party now enters upon thorough discipline and perfect organization will come to the assistance of popular enthusiasm to carry the ticket triumphantly to success.

RELEASE OF GEORGE APPLEWHITE, THE LAST OF THE LOWREY GANG. Prof. Hill, of Charlotte, in his alumni address at Davidson College, put in a strong plea for classical culture.

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